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March 27, 2003

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RE: Request for Extension of Time for Review of Reclamation Surety Estimate for
Nielson Sandstone Quarry, M/023/012, Juab County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

We received your recent letter explaining that we are overdue on the five year review of reclamation surety estimate for the Nielson Sandstone Quarry. EarthFax Engineering is currently preparing the final draft of a new Nielson Sandstone Quarry mine plan for Ash Grove Cement Company (AGC) that will contain a new reclamation surety estimate. I have enclosed a copy of the correspondence between AGC and EarthFax. As indicated in the copied letter from EarthFax to AGC, the mine plan will be ready by the 24th of April. With this in mind, I would like to request that a final extension of 30 days be granted to AGC so that final revisions may be made to the new plan.

We appreciate your consideration and if there are any questions I can be reached at (435) 857-1208.

Sincerely,



Aaron Bufmack
Assistant Plant Engineer

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Re: Response to DOGM Surety Submission Request

Dear Aaron:

As you are aware, EarthFax Engineering, Inc. ("EarthFax") is in the process of completing the modifications to the Nielson Sandstone mine plan and permit modification. Based on the revisions requested at our last meeting, we believe that we can complete the required changes by April 7th. Allowing two weeks for your review and any last minute changes, we should be able to provide a completed permit application for submission to DOGM by April 24th, 2003.

I hope this time estimate provides you with the information that you need. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Suchoski
Hydrologist